GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SHARING OF PENSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the widows of the martyrs of Indian Army are getting the amount of life insurance, compensation amount, pension and other benefits like allotment of agriculture land, house etc.;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that after some time several such widows get married and settle with their new husbands after getting all these benefits with the result that the parents of the martyr are left without any means of livelihood during their old age;

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering any proposal for making provision for sharing pension between the widow and the parents;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) Widows/nominees as per nomination made by the martyrs get life insurance benefits, liberalised family pension, death gratuity, ex-gratia, etc.

Agriculture land, houses, etc. are given by the State Governments based on their respective policies.

(b) Widows of martyrs are entitled to full liberalised family pension even after their marriage if they look after their children after remarriage. In case of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR), the liberalised family pension can be given to parents as first life award if nomination exists in their favour.

There is a provision for division of liberalised family pension on demand by the dependent parents.

(c) & (d): A proposal to grant a share of liberalised family pension to the parents of the martyrs is under consideration. No definite time frame can be indicated, as the proposal is required to be examined in consultation with other concerned agencies/Ministry/Departments.